

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A flat-blade type windscreen wiper device (1) comprising an elastic, elongated carrier element, as well as an elongated wiper blade (2) of a flexible material, which can be placed in abutment with a windscreen to be wiped, ~~which wiper blade (2) includes opposing longitudinal grooves (3) on its longitudinal sides, in which grooves (3) spaced apart longitudinal strips (4) of the carrier element are disposed, wherein neighbouring ends (5) of said longitudinal strips (4) are interconnected by a respective connecting piece (6),~~ which windscreen wiper device comprises a connecting device (7) for an oscillating arm (8), wherein said oscillating arm (8) is pivotally connected to said connecting device (7) about a pivot axis near one end, with the interposition of a joint part (12), wherein said connecting device (7) is positioned at least substantially within said joint part (12), wherein said joint part (12) is attached to said connecting device (7) by pivotally engaging protrusions (10) of said connecting device (7) at the location of said pivot axis in recesses (11) provided in said joint part (12), wherein said joint part (12) has an at least substantially U-shaped cross-section at the location of its attachment to said connecting device (7), and wherein said joint part (12) in each leg of said U-shaped cross-section is provided with a recess (11) provided coaxially with said pivot axis, wherein the protrusions (10) extend outwards on either side of said connecting device (7) and wherein the protrusions (10) are at least substantially cylindrical, ~~[[characterized in that]]~~ said joint part (12) is made of plastic, wherein said joint part (12) comprises at least one resilient tongue (13) engaging in a correspondingly shaped hole (14) provided in said oscillating arm (8), wherein the oscillating arm (8) has an at least substantially U-shaped cross-section at the location

of its connection to said joint part (12), and wherein said hole (14) is provided in a base (16) of said U-shaped cross-section, and wherein each leg (15) comprises a respective clamping ~~[[members]]~~ member (17) which ~~[[engage]]~~ engages around longitudinal sides of said joint part (12) that face away from each other such that said clamping members (17) together with said substantially U-shaped cross-section form a generally C-shaped cross section of said oscillating arm (8).

2-7. (Cancelled)

8. **(Currently Amended)** A flat-blade type windscreen wiper device ~~[[according to claim 1,]]~~ (1) comprising an elastic, elongated carrier element, as well as an elongated wiper blade (2) of a flexible material, which can be placed in abutment with a windscreen to be wiped, which windscreen wiper device comprises a connecting device (7) for an oscillating arm (8), wherein said oscillating arm (8) is pivotally connected to said connecting device (7) about a pivot axis near one end, with the interposition of a joint part (12), wherein said connecting device (7) is positioned at least substantially within said joint part (12), wherein said joint part (12) is attached to said connecting device (7) by pivotally engaging protrusions (10) of said connecting device (7) at the location of said pivot axis in recesses (11) provided in said joint part (12), wherein said joint part (12) has an at least substantially U-shaped cross-section at the location of its attachment to said connecting device (7), and wherein said joint part (12) in each leg of said U-shaped cross-section is provided with a recess (11) provided coaxially with said pivot axis, wherein the protrusions (10) extend outwards on either side of said connecting device (7) and wherein the protrusions (10) are at least substantially cylindrical, said joint part (12) is made of plastic, wherein said joint part (12) comprises at least two lateral resilient tongues (13) extending outwardly, wherein the oscillating arm has an at least substantially U-shaped cross-section at the location of its connection to said joint part (12) and wherein each tongue (13) engages in a correspondingly shaped hole (14) provided in a leg (15) of said U-shaped cross-section, and wherein each leg (15) comprises a respective clamping member (17) which engages around longitudinal sides of said joint part (12) that face away from each other such that said clamping members (17) together with said substantially U-shaped cross-section form a generally C-shaped cross section of said oscillating arm (8)

9. **(Currently Amended)** A windscreen wiper device according to claim 1, wherein said ~~[[at least one]]~~ hole (14) has a closed circumference.

10-11. **(Cancelled)**

12. **(New)** A windscreen wiper device according to claim 8, wherein said holes (14) each have a closed circumference.